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MEXICO.

Precautions to be taken against spread of typhus fever in city of Mexico.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Hamilton at Laredo reports, February 1, as follows:

A sanitary campaign is about to be inaugurated to prevent the spread of typhus fever in the City of Mexico, where it is assuming a grave character. The disease is practically confined to persons who are unable to travel, and is therefore not a serious menace to the United States at present.

Report from Tampico—Inspection of vessels.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Frick reports, January 29, as follows:

Week ended January 27, 1906.

January 24. The British steamship Straits of Dover was issued a bill of health on the 20th, but the vessel did not sail until the 24th. She was bound for a port north of Hatteras, via Daiquiri, with 25 in the crew. Vessel sails in ballast.

January 23. Inspected and passed the British steamship *Matador*, bound for Galveston, with 25 in the crew; vessel sails in ballast. British steamship *Ottawa*, bound for Philadelphia, with 33 in the crew. The *Ottawa* is a tank steamer and sails in ballast.

January 24. Inspected and passed the Swedish steamship Wermland, bound for Pensacola, with 20 in the crew; vessel sails in ballast. The American steamship Seneca, bound for New York via Morro Castle, for orders, with 55 in the crew and 2 first-class passengers; vessel sails in a partial general cargo.

January 25. Inspected and passed the Norwegian steamship *Horda*, bound for a port north of Hatteras, via Cardenas, with 26 in the crew;

vessel sails in ballast.

January 26. Inspected and passed the Norwegian steamship Nor, bound for Galveston, via Port Arthur, with 18 in the crew and 7 first-class passengers; vessel sails in a partial cargo, consisting of coffee

and palm hats.

January 27. Inspected and passed the Danish steamship St. Croix, bound for New Orleans, via Veracruz, with 48 in the crew, 6 first-class and 5 third-class passengers; vessel sails in a general cargo from Europe; French steamship Louisiana, bound for New Orleans, with 70 in the crew and 7 third-class passengers; vessel sails in ballast. The Norwegian steamship City of Mexico was issued a bill of health, but sailing January 28 will be included in next week's report.

PERU.

Report from Callao—Plague and smallpox in Chile and Peru—Precautions taken at Callao—Yellow-fever situation at Guayaquil, Ecuador.

Assistant Surgeon Lloyd reports, January 20, as follows:

The following report is received from the Director de Salubridad, at Lima: